

Remarks:

The specification has been amended to recite the priority data. No new matter has been added by this amendment to the specification.

Claims 1-19 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 20-26, therefore, are currently pending. Applicants have calculated the fees associated with filing this application in view of the amendments made in this document.

It is believed that no fee is due for filing this Preliminary Amendment. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/ESSR:060USD1.

Respectfully submitted,

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